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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Department of Genetics
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Stanford, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

With support received from the recently formed Institute of Science and Technology, the Department of Astronomy is organizing a series of colloquia on the general subject of space science. It will be a weekly series that will run throughout the year, the first two lectures in the series being by Eugene Parker on solar winds and the interplanetary medium and by J. H. Oort on hydrogen in the center of the galactic system. We have also invited about twenty additional speakers, including many members of the Space Science Board.

Naturally, the emphasis in this series will be primarily on astrophysics. However, I have been **fascinated** by your studies to date on the prospects for detecting life forms extra-terrestrially and a colloquium on this subject by you would be received with great interest in many departments on this campus.

At present, the dates of May 17 and 24 are open, although we shall undoubtedly get one or two declinations for earlier dates. There is also no special reason why a strict weekly schedule need be adhered to, and if it is more convenient for you to stop off while en route to the East Coast, we could in all probability arrange the date accordingly. I would expect your audience to consist of students, faculty, and research workers from almost every branch of the natural sciences. The colloquia are subsidized, and therefore we can offer you an honorarium of \$150 in addition to your travel expenses.

Joshua Lederberg

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It was good to have the opportunity of meeting you
last week in Philadelphia.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo", written in dark ink.

Leo Goldberg

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